



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

April 11, 2006

The Honorable Board of Directors  
Los Angeles County  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE THE REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE  
FOR A PROJECT FUNDED UNDER  
THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION 1992  
(THIRD DISTRICT- 3 -VOTE MATTER)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed actions do not meet the definition of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as cited herein.
2. Approve the revised plan of expenditure for \$450,000 of Specified Funds allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (R) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) for the restoration of the George Stanley Fountain and renovation of the entryway at the Hollywood Bowl.
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (LAPA) for the Hollywood Bowl Entryway Renovation Project.
4. Authorize the Director to reimburse LAPA for costs incurred prior to the execution of the grant project agreement for the Hollywood Bowl Entryway Renovation Project.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$450,000 of Specified Funds allocated to the Department under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (R) of the 1992 Proposition to be assigned to LAPA to rehabilitate the historic George Stanley Fountain at the corner of Highland Avenue and Pat Moore Way, including repair of the fountain water systems, restoration of the lighting, removal of non-historic elements, cleaning of the stone and general repair of damage. The project also includes replacement of the static marquee and modification of the entrance driveways. The requested revised plan of expenditure, in the amount of \$450,000, would supplement \$1,200,000 LAPA already has identified for these improvements at the Hollywood Bowl. The total cost for the project is \$1,650,000.

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by your Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting. This Board action fulfills that requirement.

In a related item on today's agenda, the Department, which is the designated recipient of Specified Funds allocated to the County under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (R) of the 1992 Proposition, is requesting that your Board, in its capacity as the County's Board of Supervisors, assign the right to apply for the funds to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association.

It is also recommended that the Director be authorized to award the grant to LAPA for the Hollywood Bowl Entryway Renovation Project and since a portion of the project costs were incurred prior to the execution of a grant agreement for the funds, your Board's approval would be required to allow the Director to reimburse LAPA for these expenditures.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC GOALS**

The proposed recommendation furthers the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) and Goal No. 6 (Community Service) by enabling LAPA to renovate the entryway at the Hollywood Bowl.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient funds, in the amount of \$450,000, are appropriated in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges for the Hollywood Bowl Entryway Renovation Project.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Specified Project funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (R) are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (18) of the 1992 Proposition. A revised plan of expenditure may be approved for expenditure of these funds after July 1, 1998, for expenditure of the funds in accordance with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended.

If your Board does not approve the Department's request to assign the funds to LAPA for the Hollywood Bowl Entryway Renovation Project, the Department may either expend the funds for the uses originally specified, request your Board's approval to fund different new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

The Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects, approved by your Board, does not delegate the authority to the Director to reimburse otherwise eligible project costs incurred before the execution of a project grant agreement. Because LAPA incurred costs prior to execution of the agreement for the Hollywood Bowl Entryway Renovation Project, the Director is recommending your Board's approval to allow the District to reimburse LAPA for these costs.

County Counsel has reviewed this action as to form.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required so that LAPA may complete the Hollywood Bowl Entryway Renovation Project.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed actions are exempt from CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA. The Department is the lead agency for CEQA at the Hollywood Bowl, and as such, has prepared appropriate environmental documents for the project.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)  
County Counsel